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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Development Branch, P&DS

SUBJECT: PAR 242, Color Demonstration Materials
[] has presented to me several arguments
on [] part concerning PAR 242.1. "If NPIC had been more definitive in stating exactly what was required ^{ES} they could have done the job differently."

2. "The original study (PAR 213) is outdated, not complete and not good enough for briefing experts already working in color. (It is historical now: it only shows what work in certain areas has been done.)"

3. [] is not aware that they did a poor job; they duplicated according to their own standards and also printed what they thought NPIC wanted."

4. "If NPIC would have stood the expense, [] would have printed five or six times as many items, then selected those few that would have been closest to the NPIC requirements."

5. "Any more work required by NPIC will cost additional funds since [] considers the completed work to be satisfactory under the contract and according to their understanding of the requirement."

6. "The briefing material and the study (PAR 213) should be used only for general basic information and not presented as an [] up-to-date study, (as stated in paragraph 2. above)."

COMMENTS:

1. If we could get EKC to outline "their understanding" of the project, we may find some use for the material (although I doubt this).

2. [] also leveled a charge that many of the old PARs under [] were not up to NPIC expectations because so little effort had been made to hammer out the exact details of what was expected, all they [] got was criticism. From now on all efforts would receive detailed agreements. He said [] is not like EB-1492, in which they played the major part in determining feasibility, etc. (It is interesting to note that NPIC long ago had pegged this problem area, but at that time [] was reluctant to view [] as being much different than EB-1492 in-so-far as playing the leading role.)

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25X1 3. I don't believe we will gain anything but animosity if we attempt
25X1 to make [] provide better materials at no further costs. It would also
not be timely since there will probably now be little call for formal
briefing of PAR 213. [] will stick by the people who made the
materials. Even though I'm sure they see some places where they are
culpable, they are not going to face [] with the charge.

25X1 4. I don't think the project is worth wasting any more time on: it
cost us [] Even if perfected the briefing material would not be
much in demand at this late date.

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